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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOISJAN 14 2008  
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MICHAEL W. DOBBINS  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURTCynthia D. Benson  
PlaintiffIN FORMA PAUPERIS APPLICATION  
AND  
FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

John E. Potter, Postmaster General  
Ch Great Lakes Area Operations CASE NUMBER 07CV7100  
 Defendant(s) JUDGE Castillo  
Magistrate Denlow

Wherever  is included, please place an X into whichever box applies. Wherever the answer to any question requires more information than the space that is provided, attach one or more pages that refer to each such question number and provide the additional information. Please PRINT:

I, Cynthia D. Benson, declare that I am the  Plaintiff  Petitioner  Movant (other \_\_\_\_\_) in the above-entitled case. This affidavit constitutes my application  to proceed without full prepayment of fees, or  in support of my motion for appointment of counsel, or  both. I also declare that I am unable to pay the costs of these proceedings, and that I am entitled to the relief sought in the complaint/petition/motion/appeal. In support of this petition/application/motion/appeal, I answer the following questions under penalty of perjury:

1. Are you currently incarcerated?  Yes  No (If "No," go to Question 2)  
 I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ Name of prison or jail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you receive any payment from the institution?  Yes  No Monthly amount: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you currently employed?  Yes  No  
 Monthly salary or wages: N/A  
 Name and address of employer: N/A
- a. If the answer is "No":  
 Date of last employment: 1-30-2007  
 Monthly salary or wages: \$3918.90  
 Name and address of last employer: United States Postal Services  
20650 S Cicero Milwaukee WI 60443
- b. Are you married?  Yes  No  
 Spouse's monthly salary or wages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Apart from your income stated above in response to Question 2, in the past twelve months have you or anyone else living at the same residence received more than \$200 from any of the following sources? Mark an X in either "Yes" or "No", and then check all boxes that apply in each category.

a. Salary or wages  
 Amount \$3918.90 Received by Cynthia D. Benson  Yes  No

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 This question I didn't quite understand so after I became free legal help I understood question now

b.  Business,  profession or  other self-employment  Yes  No  
 Amount \$4300.00 (Est) Received by Cynthia D. Benson

c.  Rent payments,  interest or  dividends  Yes  No  
 Amount \$0 Received by NA

d.  Pensions,  social security,  annuities,  life insurance,  disability,  workers' compensation,  unemployment,  welfare,  alimony or maintenance or  child support  
 Amount \$10,500.00 (Est) Received by Cynthia D. Benson  Yes  No → *I take and Tsp which is my Thrity Savings plan from USPS and unemployment ch*  
 Gifts or  inheritances  Yes  No  
 Amount \$1800.00 Received by Cynthia D. Benson

e.  Any other sources (state source: mutual fund)  Yes  No  
 Amount \$5990.00 Received by Cynthia D. Benson

4. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence have more than \$200 in cash or checking or savings accounts?  Yes  No Total amount: \$700.00 (Est) → *This is a checker account so funds changing day by day CB*  
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

5. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any stocks, bonds, securities or other financial instruments?  Yes  No  
 Property: Stocks Current Value: 12,000.00 (Est) → *Fund maybe slight higher or lower CB*  
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

6. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any real estate (houses, apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, two-flats, three-flats, etc.)?  Yes  No  
 Address of property: 7337 S South Shore Dr #1430 Chicago IL 60649  
 Type of property: Condominium Current value: \$188,827.16 to DATE → *This is the correct amount. I didnt quite understand the question. CB*  
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self  
 Amount of monthly mortgage or loan payments: \$1441.29 (mortage and assessments) Underline was the initial loan amount of \$100,000.00  
 Name of person making payments: Cynthia D. Benson

7. Do you or anyone else living at the same residence own any automobiles, boats, trailers, mobile homes or other items of personal property with a current market value of more than \$1000?  Yes  No  
 Property: Automobile  
 Current value: \$4000.00 Est.  
 In whose name held: Cynthia D. Benson Relationship to you: Self

8. List the persons who are dependent on you for support, state your relationship to each person and indicate how much you contribute monthly to their support. If none, check here  No dependents  
NA

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(A), the court shall dismiss this case at any time if the court determines that my allegation of poverty is untrue.

Date: 1-14-2008

Cynthia D. Benson  
Signature of Applicant  
Cynthia Diane Benson  
(Print Name)

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**NOTICE TO PRISONERS:** A prisoner must also attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer or officers showing all receipts, expenditures and balances during the last six months in the prisoner's prison or jail trust fund accounts. Because the law requires information as to such accounts covering a full six months before you have filed your lawsuit, you must attach a sheet covering transactions in your own account--prepared by each institution where you have been in custody during that six-month period--and you must also have the Certificate below completed by an authorized officer at each institution.

**CERTIFICATE**  
(Incarcerated applicants only)  
(To be completed by the institution of incarceration)

I certify that the applicant named herein, \_\_\_\_\_, I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_, has the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on account to his/her credit at (name of institution) \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify that the applicant has the following securities to his/her credit: \_\_\_\_\_. I further certify that during the past six months the applicant's average monthly deposit was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Add all deposits from all sources and then divide by number of months).

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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(Print name)